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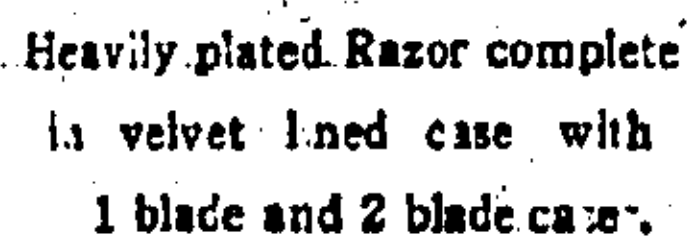
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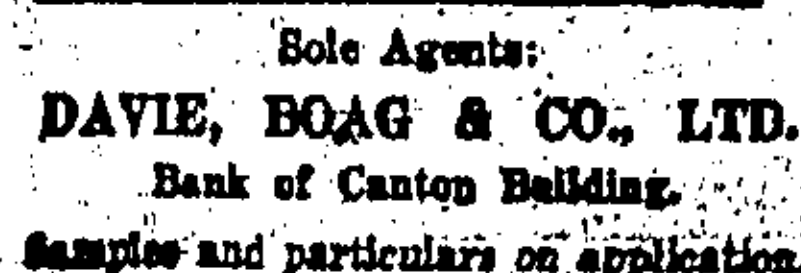


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STRIKE PAY.

On every hand the decision reached by the Hongkong Hotel management on the subject of returning employees is welcomed. It is a clear lead to the rest of the community. There is no suspicion of harshness. The strikers have "dismissed themselves." If they desire to be reinstated they will have to forfeit their wages for June and "sign on" as any entirely new servant would.

In the matter of precedent, which is generally looked upon as something sacred by those timid souls fearful to make the first move, it has now been definitely established by the Hongkong Hotel. Can that precedent be followed with unanimity by all similar establishments and by those employing domestic servants? It ought to be if the Peak Residents' Association, the Kowloon Residents' Association, and, say, the European and Chinese Chambers of Commerce act with promptitude. Obviously time would be wasted by each of these public bodies meeting separately and adopting a resolution of a general nature. The resolution might not be the same in each instance. If, however, the European Chamber of Commerce were to convene a conference comprising delegates of all the bodies mentioned—the Kowloon Residents' Association taking care that one of its delegates represented the Portuguese community—there would be no needless waste of time and unanimity would be perfectly easy. But, if anything is to be done, it must be done now. It will not do to wait until the

action—which, of course, does not include the decision already reached by the Hongkong Hotel—to be at variance. Nor will much be gained by waiting till all the strikers are on the threshold seeking reinstatement. The position is so clear that it does not require the slightest labouring. There can be said—that anything less than united action may be construed by the strikers in a manner not altogether to the best interests, ultimately, of employers of Chinese labour.

PROMOTIONS.

LATEST ADMIRALTY CHANGES.

Included in the list of promotions made by the Admiralty to date from June 30 is the name of Lieut.-Commander Ivan W. Whitehorn who was in command of H.M.S. Cockchafer at the time of the incident at Wanchien last year. His promotion, which is very early as regards service, is from Lieut.-Commander to Commander.

Erstwhile Commander Malcolm R. J. Maxwell-Scott, D.S.O., has been promoted to Captain. He is serving in H.M.S. Tarantula as senior naval officer, West River, and is at present in command of the British forces at Canton. He performed conspicuous services during his period of command on the West River and previous to this served with distinction in Australia under Vice-Admiral Sir Allen Everett.

Officers who have served in the Hongkong Dockyard are among those receiving promotion, viz. S. Hocken and S. Robins, from Engineer Lieut.-Commanders to Engineer Commanders. Both left for England last month.

Engineer Commander Charles W. Lambert, also promoted from Engineer Lieut.-Commander, is at present in H.M.S. Hawkins.

JUNE RAIN.

Rainfall returns compiled at the Botanical Gardens for June by Mr. H. Green, Supt. B. and F. Dept., provide interesting reading. 10.07 in. of the total for the month of 24.74 in. fell in one day (the 16th).

The full figures are as follows: 1st, 0.1; 2nd, 0.12; 3rd, 1.35; 4th, 0.1; 5th, 0.1; 6th, 0.07; 7th, 0.73; 8th, 0.01; 9th, 0.04; 10th, 0.01; 11th, 0.01; 12th, 0.01; 13th, 0.01; 14th, 0.01; 15th, 0.01; 16th, 10.07; 17th, 2.66; 18th, 0.47; 19th, 0.01; 20th, 0.04; 21st, 0.01; 22nd, 0.01; 23rd, 0.02; 24th, 0.51; 25th, 0.54; 26th, 0.23; 27th, 0.24; 28th, 0.24; 29th, 0.24; 30th, 0.24.

SWATOW TROUBLE.

MOB ATTACKS FOREIGN HOTELS.

ALL QUIET NOW.

The following are the latest reports from the outposts:—

SWATOW:—The situation is not so satisfactory. Agitators have been attempting to board British ships. Protection from H.M.S. Bluebell has been necessary. The crews of ships are unwilling to strike and are remaining on board. Conditions for strikers ashore are very unsatisfactory. The accommodation is bad and insanitary, causing sickness. Food is inadequate and the strike is unpopular. A demonstration has been arranged for to-morrow.

Later:—Last night a mob broke out and was breaking up foreign hotels and property along the Customs Bund. An armed party was landed on the Customs Bund by H.M.S. Bluebell. The mob quietened down shortly afterwards and moved away. The armed party re-embarked early this morning. To-day all is quiet. The houseboys have decided to come out this afternoon.

WUCHOW:—The women and children are being evacuated and escorted to Hongkong by H.M.S. Moorhen. There is nothing further to report.

CANTON:—The situation has improved. All is quiet.

Later:—A new Government was inaugurated yesterday consisting of seventeen members.

HOIHOW:—The situation is satisfactory. Submarine L.33 has sailed for Hongkong and is due to-day.

KONGMOON & SAMSHUI:—Nothing to report.

STRIKE SITUATION.

LITTLE CHANGE TO REPORT.

FEWER PEOPLE LEAVE.

There is no material change to report in the strike situation generally.

"Star" Ferry. Manned by Mercantile Marine men from ships which are lying idle the "Star" Ferry boats are maintaining a twenty minute service across the harbour.

Efforts were made earlier in the morning to speed things up a bit and to run a ten minute service but the operatives had not thoroughly mastered the workings of their new charges and after one boat had overtaken another and then had to lay to for about a quarter of an hour "so near and yet so far" the twenty minute service was reverted and substantially kept to.

Meat Supply. Boys returning from the markets to-day report that there is no meat to be had in Hongkong or Kowloon. They also report a scarcity of vegetables.

Enquiries at the offices of the Food Controller elicited the information that there were plenty of supplies in the Colony but there had been a slight hitch in the sorting and preparation. This would be remedied as soon as possible. The Food Controller was not aware of any scarcity of vegetables.

Money Forfeited.

A Chinese, who was charged with attempting to export a sum of \$40 contrary to the regulations, failed to appear at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. Bail of \$50 was estimated, and the other money was also confiscated.

TRUCULENT COOLIES.

KOWLOON GODOWN INCIDENT.

SWIFT RETRIBUTION.

Before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, five Chinese were charged with disorderly conduct at the Kowloon godowns. The first accused had an additional charge against him of assaulting Mr. W. M. Mason, a member of the Company's staff.

Mr. Mason stated in evidence that he was on the wharf at 1.30 p.m. on Monday when he saw about eighteen coolies speaking to some workmen loading cargo into a Japanese steamer. The first accused was asked to tell the men to cease work as they were being paid at 1/4d per hour for 1/2 hr. Witnesses intervened and received a shower of blows from the first accused who promptly punched the witness in the face. The witness then called the police and the men were arrested.

ESTATE LAW.

IMPORTANT LOCAL JUDGMENT.

An important judgment regarding the disposal of the estates of intestate Hongkong Chinese was given in the Supreme Court this morning, the effect of which is that in cases where the wife is not alive a concubine can be allowed letters of administration.

The order in which Sir Henry Gwynne Gollan placed the claims of the respective relatives as regarded administration was (1) the ting fong wife, (2) the tsu mo (compassionate mother appointed to take care of the heirs on the death of their natural mother and (3) the concubine or concubines.

His Lordship referred to recent Straits Settlements law on the matter which admitted of polygamy and said that fortunately express local enactment avoided any necessity for discussing the propriety or otherwise of the procedure adopted in Hongkong.

In the case in question the concubine or fourth wife had been represented by Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., and Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by Mr. H. K. Woo) and the claim had been opposed by the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster and Mr. Elsiey Zeitlyn (instructed by Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton). The opposition to the claim was withdrawn when the case was partially heard but his Lordship decided to hear all the evidence.

The question of costs was reserved.

STRIKE ITEMS.

In spite of the teahouse workers being on strike, several places were open yesterday. They were "sold out" in less than an hour.

Some of the native banking and commercial institutions, including the Sun Co., Ltd., are remitting money to Canton, for the public, at a fee of 2 per cent.

More laundry washermen are reported to be on strike this morning and there are reports of a few houseboys having left after receiving their month's wages.

Chinese shops are closing a little earlier during the strike, including the department stores. The number of empty flats and vacant sub-tenements in the outlying districts has increased.

Police Reservists are joining up in appreciable numbers daily. Chinese special police are now on duty even at Yau-mai. Others are attached to police pickets and some are on duty at the "Star" Ferry wharf.

That the Shameen are well able to carry on with essential work is instanced by the fact that the services were courteously refused of a detachment of Royal Engineers despatched from Hongkong. They arrived back here yesterday morning on the s.s. Tung On.

Imagine the surprise of a Volunteer who went for his rifle at Headquarters and found that in its place had been left one of which the Army number (running into five figures) was that of the one which had served him throughout his period of war service. A truly amazing coincidence but, none the less, true.

A large crowd of strikers have congregated at Sumchun and it is reported that a party of sightseers, Chinese clerks, still at work but desirous of seeing what things are like on the border, received a rather hostile reception when it became apparent that they were not new recruits. The clerks are said to have contented themselves by watching from British territory whereupon imprecations and threats were hurled at them from across the railway bridge.

Revenue Officers at Hongkong whose duties are in the ordinary way confined to in-coming ships are now dealing with ships going out, thus enabling the police to concentrate on in-coming boats. The police have thus been enabled to prevent undesirable persons from entering the Colony. It is noted by a Chinese reporter that restrictions on money and valuables taken out of the Colony, Mr. Lloyd stated that jewels and diamond rings can be taken out of the Colony by the side passengers.

The Chinese banking institutions conducted on Monday these services in the morning and afternoon. The Chinese banks are now open for business and the strike has been broken.

HOME TENNIS.

FOREIGN PLAYERS TO THE FORE.

Suzanne's Easy Win.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, July 1.

At Wimbledon for the British Open Lawn Tennis championships the weather was glorious but hot. With two Anglo-French ladies' semi-finals being decided, it was ladies' day. The centre-court spectators were packed like sardines at 1.45 p.m. and there had been a queue since 7 a.m. It was a brilliant scene with multi-coloured parasols and gay, summery toilettes. Five shilling tickets were selling outside for thirty shillings.

In the ladies' singles semi-final, Miss Joan Fry beat Madame Billout 6-2 4-6 6-3.

The 19 year old Miss Fry made her first appearance on the centre-court and received an ovation. Taking the first four games she kept a fine length. Madame Billout netted frequently and double-faulted. The second set was characterised by good rallies. Miss Fry led 3-1 but Madame Billout squared 3-3 and then with a series of amazing side-liners took the set. Madame Billout in the third set played to Miss Fry's backhand but the latter was very sound; both thereafter concentrated on the baseline but Miss Fry won by her superior speed.

The Queen arrived at the start of the Lenglen v. McKane match. In the semi-final of the ladies' singles, Mlle. Suzanne Lenglen beat Miss K. McKane 6-0, 6-0.

Miss McKane only played as well as Mlle. Lenglen permitted her. She was outclassed and was often caught on the wrong foot. Mlle. Lenglen wore a flame coloured bandeau, was at the height of her form, the essence of grace, very speedy and agile; when she came up to the net it was a signal for the end to a rally by a spectacular kill.

In the fourth round of the men's doubles, Borotra and Lacoste (France) beat the Britishers Hunt and Berger 6-3, 6-3, 6-1, thus entering the semi-final.

Also in the fourth round, the Italo-Hungarian combination, De Morpurgo and Dekehring, beat Randolph Lycett and J. O. Anderson 5-7 5-7 6-4 6-3 6-3 and thus meet Borotra and Lacoste in the semi-final.

The unaccountable downfall of the Australians was a sensation. They went to pieces after the third set. It was largely the victory of Morpurgo whose service was brilliant though both Continentals fought very hard for every point. Anderson developed an under-hitting tendency and Lycett was weak in volleying.

J. O. Anderson is one of Australia's best players. R. Lycett is an Australian who has been in the Homeland for some years; he is better at doubles than singles.

In the third round of the men's doubles, Hennessey and Casey (U.S.A.) beat Barclay and Crole Rees (Britain) 8-10 6-3 6-3 6-4.

Hennessey and Casey won on hurricane services. Their weakness in other departments was obvious. Hennessey wasted many shots by netting and out-driving Barclay was rock-like in his steadiness and varied his services puzzlingly. Crole Rees was inconsistent overhead.

De Morpurgo and Miss Ryan defeated J. D. B. Spencer and Miss Colver in the third round 6-3 7-5. The Italian's services were again the dominant factor.

J. Borotra and Mlle. Lenglen entered the semi-final of the mixed doubles, defeating J. Gilbert and Miss McKane 6-1 6-2.

In the concluding centre-court match, Borotra and Suzanne Lenglen were not extended. Borotra was marvellous in his speed and terrific smashes at the net where he was almost impossible to pass. The overall crowd, Mlle. Lenglen. The holders (Gilbert and Miss McKane) were outplayed throughout.

MARKET ROBBERY.

BIRCH FOR YOUNG THIEF.

As a sequel to a case in the Central Market a Chinese youth, aged 21, appeared before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning charged with robbing a gold and platinum watch from a Chinese lady.

The youth was charged by a witness and the lady's husband. The witness stated that he was walking through the Central Market when he saw the youth robbing a Chinese lady. He followed the youth and saw him put the watch into his pocket. He then called the police and the youth was arrested.

SINGAPORE BASE.

LENGTHY EXPLANATION IN HOUSE OF LORDS.

Hongkong's Gift.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, July 1.

In the House of Lords, replying to Lord Thomson, Earl Stanhope said the Government was still considering the scale of development at the Singapore base but a decision had not yet been reached in regard to the graving dock.

Provision had been made for preliminary measures, for example, the borings to discover the depth of various strata in which previous borings showed suitable granite foundation at no very great depth. Anti-malarial work was also being dealt with immediately. The graving and floating dock were not alternative proposals but supplementary.

The Admiralty experts were of the opinion that it was probably cheaper to build a new dock than enlarge a commercial dock. The use of one of the commercial docks by the Admiralty would deprive commercial shipping of its use and on the ground of economy it was advisable to have a floating dock and graving dock near each other. The original estimate proposed only one floating dock and one graving dock and a minimum amount of buildings.

With regard to workshops, etc., it would be, comparatively, a very minor establishment, but such works were invariably costly. Therefore the Government was re-examining the whole question of how far it would be possible to reduce the original estimate. It was quite impossible at present to estimate the whole cost of the Base, Barracks, Defences, etc., as the Government was still considering the whole scheme. Plans had been considered by the General Staffs of the three Services who were in very close touch on this question. Full consideration would be given to the question of Air defence and every other point. This would take a considerable time.

As regards Lord Thomson's references to the effect of the Base on opinion in Japan, Earl Stanhope emphasised that apart from the question of a naval base and storage of oil fuel, the defence of Singapore was essential.

The generous gift of £250,000 by Hongkong was unconditional and there was no question of repayment.

Lord Balfour said the fundamental question he never heard answered by opponents of the Base was whether any worse economy was conceivable than by spending vast sums on our Fleet, yet not spending an additional sum to make it available wherever British Possessions needed it. He asked how anyone could think Singapore menaced Japan and yet simultaneously not think that Japan menaced Australia, or believe it impossible that Japan could attack Australia without not also believing you could not attack her from Singapore. "Distances being practically the same there was the vast military force in Japan but there was no question of there ever being a military force in Singapore, of menacing strength either to Japan or any other Power. The Force there was only usable defensively, and elaborated the old argument that the best way to assure peace was to be prepared, although he was most inclined to believe we were beginning a great peace era.

The discussion then terminated.

PEKING'S MOVE.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND CHANG TSO-LIN.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, July 1.

It is reported in reliable Chinese circles that Tuan Chi-jui (the Chief Executive) is despatching Lu Yung-hsiang to Tientsin tomorrow morning to invite Marshal Chang Tso-lin to Peking as soon as possible.

Shanghai, July 1.—The memorial service for the students yesterday, was unaccompanied by violence anywhere. The strikers are now looking to Peking for a settlement, which business men as well as the extremists confidently expect to include the concession of a number of the Chinese demands unconnected with recent events. The morning papers consider the situation settling down, but while there is no weakening of the strike or boycott movement. Yesterday's demonstration consisted of a procession paying homage to the dead and speeches demanding 'national rights'. All is quiet this morning. — Reuter.

TREATY POWERS.

BRITAIN CONSULTING OTHER GOVERNMENTS.

Statement in Commons.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, July 1.

The suggestion in three questions by Labourites in the House of Commons that Britain call a conference of treaty powers, including China, to discuss revision of the treaties regarding territorial concessions and extra-territorial privileges, drew from Mr. Austen Chamberlain (Foreign Secretary) a statement that Britain was consulting the other Governments concerned with whom we intended to act in close collaboration regarding the Chinese Government's requests.

In the meantime, he was unable to make a statement beyond saying that discussion on these large issues was obviously impossible until the Chinese Government has taken steps to end the present anti-foreign agitation and shown its ability to enforce law and order and respect for the treaty Powers' rights.

A questioner interposed with the query "how could such things be done if no real Government existed in China?"

Mr. Chamberlain said he did not know where the questioner was driving and he did not desire to interfere with Chinese domestic concerns but negotiations of this kind necessitated the Chinese themselves to constitute some Government able to protect foreigners and preserve law in order to enter negotiation.

Replying to further questions, Mr. Chamberlain hoped that when anti-foreign agitation ceases and foreign property and lives are safe, the tariff conference contemplated in the Washington Agreement will be held but it cannot be held under circumstances in which it might be exposed to anti-foreign demonstrations, and the lives and property of nationals of the Powers concerned being endangered.

BRITAIN'S PROBLEMS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, June 30.

Speaking at a dinner of the Central Asian Society, Lord Birkenhead made a brief reference to India. He declared emphatically that Britain must continue to sustain the exclusive responsibility of the protection of India. She must never close her eyes to the realities of a situation which might easily be rendered dangerous.

"The fundamental fact of the Indian situation is that we went to India centuries ago composing with the sharp edge of the sword the differences which would have submerged and destroyed Indian civilisation. We went there on that basis and hold it by that charter, and it is true to say today that if we left India tomorrow it would be submerged by the same anarchical and murderous disturbances as in the days of Clive." No man was entitled to speak as the representative of Britain and the momentary trustee of India, whether Labour, Liberal or Conservative who would find himself in a position in which it was possible for him to liquidate the obligations of history and honour. (Cheers.)

Lord Birkenhead also referred to the position in China, where he found the students unaccountably neglecting the immortal learning of Confucius but reading the columns of an English newspaper.

The principal enemies of the Empire, whether in China, Egypt, or India were students who were most certain that the Empire was doomed and damned and that they were the proper instruments of its immediate dissolution. China was the happy hunting ground of Bolshevists. Its development and the part to be played in the extrication of the present dilemmas by Britain, the United States, Japan and the European nations required the very careful attention of everyone who was familiar with China's problems.

Peking, July 1.—Signor Cerruti (the Italian Minister) in an interview with Reuter, this afternoon, confirmed that he, the French Minister and the American Chargé d'Affaires will represent the interested Powers at the forthcoming negotiations in Peking. Signor Cerruti stated that discussions with the Chinese delegates, which were expected to begin on July 8, would be strictly limited to arriving at a settlement of the Shanghai affair. Other questions as to the Mixed Court and the organisation of the International Settlement, which the Chinese Government had evinced a desire to take up, will require to be the subject of a further conference, in which the Powers concerned must individually be represented. — Reuter.

CHINESE LABOUR.

CHINA ASSOCIATION'S STATEMENT.

IMMEASURABLE SUPERIOR.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, July 1.

The China Association has sent a statement to all newspapers in Britain and all Members of Parliament with a view to correcting public misunderstanding of the conditions under which foreigners in China live and trade. The statement emphasises that foreign-owned factories in Shanghai and other treaty ports are generally immeasurably superior to Chinese factories as regard construction, sanitation and condition of employment.

The existence of such factories naturally tends to ameliorate the conditions of employment of Chinese in factories since they must obtain labour in competition with foreign factories.

The statement contrasts the disorder in China with peace and order in foreign settlements. It points out that many millions of British capital is invested in China trade, and thereby provides employment for many thousands in the United Kingdom. If and when order and good government are established in China, that trade can be greatly increased to benefit both nations.

LABOUR SUGGESTION

(Reuter's Service.)

London, July 1.

In the House of Commons the Labourite, Mr. Johnston, suggested that in view of the situation in China, the question of extra-territorial agreements in China should be submitted to the League of Nations under article 19 of the Covenant.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain, in reply, recalled that extra-territoriality was carefully investigated at Washington in 1922 and decisions were then reached.

The British Government believed the method of procedure by the appointment of an international commission to enquire into the position and assist the Chinese Government to effect such reforms as would justify the relinquishment of extra-territorial rights was a more suitable way of dealing with the question than by reference to the League of Nations.

U.S.A.'S DESIRE.

MINISTER'S INSTRUCTIONS ON ARRIVAL.

(Reuter's Service.)

Washington, July 1.

It is understood that instructions which have been given to Mr. MacMurray, the United States Minister to China who arrives at Peking on July 4, indicate the desire of the American Government that the whole question of extra-territorial rights in China be considered at the earliest.

London, July 1.—In the House of Commons, answering questions, Mr. Austen Chamberlain said the French and Spanish Governments did not propose to declare a blockade of Riff but were merely taking measures and policing certain territorial waters in the Tangier zone. Spain invited Britain to join these measures. Mr. Chamberlain requested the postponement of further questions until the Government had time to consider the matter. — Reuter.

Peking, July 1.—To-day's mass meeting in connection with the Shanghai affair was poorly attended, some schools and colleges holding aloof. The National Flag was not displayed, but the Kuomintang and Red Flags were much in evidence. Prominent members of the Kuomintang made speeches. The situation is otherwise quiet. — Reuter.

London, July 1.—The coal owners have formally notified the Miners' Federation of the termination of the national wages agreement on July 31. The owners have not yet made definite proposals for a revision of conditions, but a letter accompanying the notification indicates that the owners intend to submit terms governed by the ability of each district to pay its way. The Miners' National Congress Conference will consider the position on Friday. Meanwhile, Mr. A. J. Cook, Secretary of the Miners' Federation, has issued a statement in which he has promised to continue to work for the improvement of the miners' position. — Reuter.

KNOWLEDGE TO GO.

CHINESE UNDESIRABLES ABROAD.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, July 1.

The authorities are experiencing difficulty in disposing of unwanted Chinese against whom writs have been issued in connection with the incident at the Legation.

The police escorted ten Chinese to a point on the Belgian frontier where they were expelled immediately the Police turned their backs.

The French authorities advised another point on the frontier but were again frustrated owing to the Belgian Government ordering a close watch on the whole line. Finally the unwanted Chinese were taken to Strasbourg where they successfully entered Germany.

THOSE DEBTS.

BRITAIN STATES HER VIEWS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, July 1.

According to the Havas Agency, the British Government has sent another memorandum to the various debtor States stating the British view regarding the settlement of inter-Allied debts.

Concerning France the Note says in effect that if France signs an agreement with the United States to pay part of her debt then Britain will expect a proportional payment of the same from France.

Athens, July 1.—The Assembly, to-day, passed a vote of confidence in M. Pangalos by 186 to 14. — Reuter.

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